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1. During mid-June 1953 the East German Ministry of the Interior began to dispose of various reserve stocks. The stocks consisted of military equipment and were made available to the DMZs at factory prices for resale and distribution. The Ministry of the Interior has taken great care to prevent the disclosure of the location of their warehouses: they have either forwarded the goods to the DMZ's through local Volks-Polizei headquarters, or, in some cases, have shipped the goods to the final purchasers directly using bogus senders on the bills of lading.

2. The following large items have already been turned over to the DMZ for Machine and Vehicle Construction:

199 trucks - Horch H 3 A

32 trucks - Horch H 6

311 trucks - Phaetonen 1.75 tons

7 ambulances - BMW

The total value of these vehicles was about 10,000,000 DME. The individual prices were approximately as follows:

Horch 3A - 23,000.00 DME

Horch 6 - 29,000.00 DME

BMW - 13,000.00 DME

Phaetonen- 15,000.00 DME

3. Besides these vehicles, about 2,500,000 DME worth of small machinery, such as tailoring, shoe making and saddle making machinery has also been turned over. Standard metal working and wood working tools valued at 500,000 DME have also been disposed of.

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